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SUBJECT: VISIT OF RICHARD K. BANK

1. IN RESPONSE TO LONGSTANDING INVITATION FROM FINNISH EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, RICHARD K. BANK, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MARITIME AFFAIRS, WILL VISIT HELSINKI JUNE 16-21. ERKKI KIVIMAKI OF THE FINNISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT MR. P. KARKKAINEN OF THE FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL BE COORDINATING THE VISIT FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF FINLAND (GOF).

2. MR. BANK INTENDS TO RAISE, INTER ALIA, THE FOLLOWING POINTS WITH GOF OFFICIALS AND FINNISH SHIPOWNERS:

A) WORLD TANKER SITUATION

B) STATE-OWNED SHIPPING

C) UNCTAD CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERENCES

D) TRENDS IN DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES IN DEVELOPING
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E) IMCO

F) ROLE OF OECD MARITIME TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

3. MR. BANK INTENDS TO ARRIVE ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16 ABOARD SAS FLIGHT 744 FROM COPENHAGEN AT 2300 HOURS AND WILL MAKE OWN WAY TO HOTEL. HE INTENDS TO REMAIN IN HELSINKI UNTIL MONDAY, JUNE 21 WHEN HE WILL DEPART FOR MOSCOW ON SU 204 AT 1825 HOURS.

4. RECOGNIZING THAT HOTEL SITUATION DURING MONTH OF JUNE IN HELSINKI IS TIGHT, EMBASSY REQUESTED TO MAKE RESERVATION FOR SINGLE ROOM WITH SHOWER AT MOST REASONABLE RATE (EMBASSY DISCOUNT, IF APPLICABLE) AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING HOTELS (IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE): MARSKI; HESPERIA; PALACE; HELSINKI; OR VAAKUNA. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CABLE CONFIRMATION OF HOTEL RESERVATION AS WELL AS NAME OF EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER. KISSINGER

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